[*Translation*]

Infiltration of Extremists into Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and U.P.

3939. PROF PREM DHUMAL:
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA:

. Will the MInister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that extremists from Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir are infiltrating into the neighbouring States of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take steps to check this infiltration, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). A meeting was recently convened by the Ministry to review the situation arising out of the increasing terrorist violence in States outside Punjab. The spread of terrorism was discussed in detail and decisions taken about arrangements to facilitate joint action by the States concerned including sharing of intelligence and conduct of joint operations.

[*English*]

Allotment of Flats in Behala to DPS from East Pakistan

3940. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irregularities in the allotment of flats at Behala Township to DPs from erstwhile East Pakistan has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Difficulties being faced by Regional Film Producers

3941. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the difficulties faced by the regional film producers in producing a film;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to telecast more regional films on Doordarshan and if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(d) the number of Rajasthani feature films telecast on Doordarshan during the last two years; and

(e) whether the number of Rajasthani films telecast on Doordarshan has been very low and if so, the steps proposed to be taken to telecast more Rajasthani films?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Though Cinema is a State subject, considering the influence of this medium on masses, the Union Government have from time to time been studying the growth and problems of this sector. Necessary steps are initiated by the Government/Groups, etc. In the recent past, a High Powered Committee has studied the problems of the film industry in its entirety and have made a number of recommendations for affording reliefs concessions to this sector. A number of recommendations pertain to State Governments as the matters fall entirely within their jurisdiction and the implementation is being pursued with them, vigorously at the highest levels in the Government.

(c) The present frequency is considered adequate.

(d) Three.

(e) No, Sir. Considering all relevant factors, the number is not low.

Priority for Setting up of Electronic Exchanges

3942. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the basis of preparing priority list for setting up of electronic exchanges;

(b) whether priority is being accorded to replace the other type of exchanges which are not working at all or percentage of their working capacity has gone down; and

(c) whether priority will be given to those places where construction of buildings for electronic exchange has already been completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There are various factors which are considered while preparing priority list for setting up of electronic exchange namely;

1. Replacement of manual exchanges,

2. State Capitals, Distt. Headquarters etc.

3. Places of Strategic importance like N.E., Punjab, J & K etc.,

4. Year of allotment of equipment,

5. Uniform distribution of equipment to various stations in the network,

6. Availability of infrastructure like building, air-conditioning plant etc.

7. Replacement of life expired and worn out exchanges etc. etc.,

(b) Yes, Sir. Due consideration is also given for replacement of life expired and worn out equipments which have been approved for scrapping by the competent Authority.

(c) Yes Sir. Due consideration is also given to set up exchanges on priority where buildings are available.

[*English*]

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3943. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: